

# United States Bankruptcy Court District of South Dakota



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**Reply to: Sioux Falls**

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Dear Member of the Bankruptcy Bar:

On February 1, we will have been "live" on the Case Management piece of our new Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system ("CM/ECF") for two months. Things are proceeding relatively smoothly. We call the occasional exception a "challenge" or a "learning opportunity."

To date, we have trained Assistant U.S. Trustee Bruce Gering and his staff and Trustee Lee Ann Pierce and her staff. Tomorrow (January 25), we will train Trustee John Lovald. The following week, we will train Trustees Dale Wein, Bill Pfeiffer, and Dennis Whetzal and their staffs. On February 4, they will (if they choose) go live on ECF and begin filing documents electronically.

We still plan to begin attorney training in March. So far, we have 30 volunteers for the "first wave" of training, which will take place in the attorneys' offices. Anyone not selected for the first wave will be trained, hopefully in April or May, in a classroom setting, most likely at one of our court points. If you have volunteered for training, I will be contacting you in the very near future to discuss how and when we will be training you.

On a related matter, District Court Clerk Joe Haas and I recently spoke at the Brown County and Second Circuit Bar Association luncheons. Our topic was, perhaps not surprisingly, electronic filing in the federal courts. If you would be interested in having us speak to your bar association, let us know.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Nail, Jr.  
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